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Please deliver following letter to Foreign Minister from Secretary:

BEGIN TEXT

Excellency:

The United States Government has noted with regret the decision of the RKG to break diplomatic relations with the USA.

In the circumstances no useful purpose would be served by discussion of the matters which have brought the RKG to this decision. The position of the US Government has already been stated on many occasions, namely that the fundamental cause of incidents on the Cambodian-Vietnamese border is the activity in that region of the communist forces directed from North Vietnam.

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The USG notes the willingness of the RKG to accept the continuation of consular relations. It observes, however, that the RKG envisages that US consular representation in Phnom Penh would have only a provisional character. This is not satisfactory to the USG. Nevertheless, the USG would be prepared to consider any proposals which the RKG might wish to make regarding the maintenance of consular relations between the two countries on a mutually satisfactory basis.

Please accept, excellency, the assurances of my high consideration. END TEXT

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